

In addition to the narrow tax credits for R&D, orphan drug research, nonconventional fuels research, and work opportunities for disadvantaged citizens, we call attention to the importance of continued favorable tax treatment for employer-provided educational expenses. This popular, low-cost inducement for working people to enhance their educational credentials and move up the economic ladder has now been moribund since December 31, 1994, causing many program beneficiaries considerable inconvenience as tax time approaches.

The measure also restores reasonable incentives for taxpayers to make gifts of publicly traded stock to charitable institutions, a particularly worthwhile mechanism at a time of great need for charitable giving. The bill also extends section 120 benefits regarding group legal services and makes permanent the FUTA exemption for alien agricultural workers.

The importance of these expired tax provisions to various segments of taxpayers—from

folks suffering from rare diseases to landfill owners wishing to create clean-burning energy from their property—cannot be understated and we urge our colleagues to give them the priority they deserve.

TRIBUTE TO LYNDA DIANNE
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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, all of us are concerned about quality health care, and fortunately the citizens of New York City have Lynda Dianne Curtis working to provide them with top flight service. Lynda is a native New Yorker. She received her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York [SUNY] at Buffalo, and her masters degree in

special education and learning disabilities from Fordham University.

Ms. Curtis began her professional career at Sydenham Neighborhood Family Care Center [NFCC]. She has held numerous positions of responsibility, including her current position as executive director of the Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Brooklyn. During her tenure the center has extended clinic hours, increased the number of patients attended to by physicians, and improved the physical plant facility.

Lynda's hard work has often been recognized, including awards such as the Community Service Volunteers Award, the Renaissance Community Service Award, and the Black Agency's Founders' Award. Clearly, Lynda's record of service and delivery of health care is commendable. I am happy to introduce my House colleagues to Lynda Dianne Curtis.